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## IWO JIMA STAMP WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 11th

### Canada Jubilee Proofs Bring \$436 In Auction Of Thomas Collection

A set of plate proofs of Canada's 1897 Jubilee issue in horizontal pairs brought \$436 when the specialized Canada collection of Capt. Ernest Thomas was auctioned in London May 7 by H. R. Harmer. These proofs were in issued colors on India paper, and some were slightly thinned.

An uncatalogued variety of the 1898 2c map stamp, printed only in gray-black, with two colors omitted, and in a superb unused imperforate block of four, realized \$124.

Several lots of the later imperforates fetched outstanding prices:

3c bright vermilion of 1888-97, a horizontal pair on cover, \$44; 5c brownish gray, same issue, unused block of four, \$76; 20c vermilion of 1893, block of four with o.g., \$84 (catalogue \$40); 50c deep blue of 1893, unused, \$44 (catalogue \$10); 20c dull brown Quebec Tercentenary, superb unused block of four, \$124; 5c airmail of 1928, superb o.g. block of four, \$290.

Among the early imperforates of the 1852-57 issues, these prices were noted: 6p slate violet, thin wove, used, \$100 (catalogue \$45); 6p greenish black, used, \$108 (catalogue \$35); 6p gray violet, thick hard wove, used, \$78; 10p bright blue thin wove, used, \$64 (catalogue \$60); 10p dull blue, used, \$66 (catalogue \$60); 10p Prussian blue, medium wove, used, \$68; 10p blue of 1857, on stout hard



Showing the raising of the Star Spangled Banner on Mount Suribachi, subject for the new Iwo Jima stamp and a miniature of one of the 7th War Loan posters inspired by the same picture.

wove paper, used, \$124; 7½ deep green, used, \$164 (catalogue \$85).

In the 1859 issue, a used 10c black brown was sold for \$66 (catalogue \$50), and a 17c slate blue, unused, for \$62 (catalogue \$10).

An imperforate unused pair of the 2c bright rose of 1864 made \$108 (catalogue \$100). The 1868 Dominion set on thin paper, all unused, fetched \$120 (catalogue \$131).

A used block of six of the 1868-72 12½c pale dull blue realized \$68 (catalogue \$18 as singles). An unused 15c lilac-gray of 1873-78 brought \$40.

An inverted surcharge of the 1899 2c on 3c, unused, went for \$68 (catalogue \$60). An inverted surcharge of the 1932 6c on 5c airmail, in an o.g. block of four, sold for \$144 (Scott, \$110), and a rare triple surcharge of the same stamp in a mint block of four brought \$280 (Scott, \$200).

### PHILADELPHIA NORTHWEST AIRPORT TO BE DEDICATED

Philadelphia will dedicate its great Northeast Airport on June 26th. A cachet will be applied to covers sent to Herman Kleinert, 4649 Rosehill St., Phil. 20, Pa. No limit, no service charge, send covers stamped with airmail postage.

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### GREETING CARD MAKERS MAKE PHILATELIC CARD

Bert Powell of Chicago sends a very clever and novel Greeting card which uses stamps as its motif. It is intended as a card for "Dad". Very appropriate for Fathers day or any other day when one wants to honor Dad. The name of the maker is not given but the back of the card has a bell with the letters "G B" on the bell and the card number is T 9759. Maybe you can find it at your stationers, it's worth hunting for.

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ROY'S STAMPS

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### Declared Infeasible One Day; Announced The Next Day—Iwo Jima Stamp May Be American Bank Note Company Color Print

Ever since the day on which our gallant boys raised the Star Spangled Banner on Mount Suribachi, there has been a hue and a cry led by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, former First Assistant Postmaster General, for a stamp to honor these men as well as stamps to honor our other men and women in different branches of our armed services. The request has been kicked around like a wet rag for many weeks and the latest information just a few days ago was that the issue of such a stamp was infeasible, which everyone seemed inclined to accept as the death knell of this much wanted stamp. It seems that that word "infeasible" must have irked someone and it may have been crammed right back down the throat of the man who uttered it for rapidly following that report comes the news that the stamp will be issued from Washington, D. C., on July 11th.

### New Series Of Stamps To Honor Armed Forces

While an announcement has not yet been made it is highly probable that the Iwo Jima stamp honoring the Marines is the first of a series to honor our Armed Forces. The Remington Bridge stamp suggested for the Army would be a part of this series. It would seem improbable that the Marines stamp should be issued without a definite determination to issue stamps for the other branches of the service and if the Armed Forces are to be honored thus, those other branches of our War Machine can hardly be overlooked, thus we might hope for several new stamps in quick succession.

Would not this also be an opportune time to put forth that Red Cross Blood Plasma stamp long ago promised, but seemingly forgotten.

### Interest In First Day Covers Is Booming; Says Cachet-Craft Cover Service

Samples of the special cacheted envelopes for the coming Roosevelt Memorial stamps are at hand from the Cachet Craft Cover Service of 32 Eden Street, Framingham, Mass. These are attractive envelopes, consisting of a matched set of four for the four different stamps and an extra special envelope for the set on one cover.

The drawings are by Staehle which means attractive designs. Cachet Craft reports that an unprecedented amount of business has been received for these new Roosevelt First Day Envelopes with many recorders. It appears that this set of stamps may set a record for all denominations of stamps in this series in First Day cancellations.

There is still time for collectors who have not ordered to get their orders in for envelopes or for serviced covers as the date for the first stamp is June 27th.

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Word is just at hand from Washington that the Iwo Jima stamp will be in purple, the regular Commem. size, upright format. Electric Eye Printing.

Only wording is "UNITED STATES POSTAGE" at top, "IWO JIMA" at base, and the figure "3". No credit to our Marines—SHAME.

No other details are at hand, other than that it is to be a 3c stamp. Word from Mr. Leo August of the Washington Stamp Exchange of Newark, N. J., suggests the probability that it may be a Bank Note Company printing and we are inclined to believe that this may be the plan since it offers such a splendid opportunity for the Post Office Department to kill two birds with one stone by supplying this Iwo Jima stamp and a stamp with the American Flag in colors in a single stamp. A stamp of this latter type has been among the requests of collectors for years past and we hope to see this new stamp fill that demand also.

Word also comes from Mr. W. B. Doffmyre of Washington confirming the issue of this new stamp.

We again print the picture of the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi, that picture which first helped to rouse interest and create a demand for this new stamp. The picture was first printed in the columns of the Washington Star on February 24th and 25th.

Through the kindness of James Waldo Fawcett, stamp columnist for the Star we were supplied an illustration which we showed in our columns of March 22nd. We reprint the picture again and alongside it, a miniature of one of the 7th War Loan posters which is based on this same picture.

Further details are lacking as this story is prepared. Should other information come before we go to press, it will appear on this page.

In the meantime we are able to offer the advertising of several wide awake cover dealers who offer first day covers of this new stamp for the collector.

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Lux'burg	.08	.35	.70	.07
Neth'r'lnd	.08	.35	.70	.07
Belgium	.06	.35	.70	.07
France	.08	.35	.70	.07
Greece	.11	.45	1.00	.08
Jugoslav	.10	.40	.80	.08
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This is the only service of its character in the United States and so far as the writer is able to learn, the only service of its kind in the world.

The vessel serving as the floating post office is not owned by the Post Office Department, but is hired under contract for periods of four years at a time. There have been four different boats used in this service since its inception. The first was the Florence B., and following her the C. F. Bielman, Jr. Both of these were small steamers with a crew of pilot and engineer. The G. F. Becker which followed the Bielman was Diesel powered as is also the present one, the O. F. Mook. Boats of this kind can be controlled entirely from the pilot house and so require no engine room crew.

The contractor supplies the crew to operate the boat as part of his contract; the post office merely assigning men to handle the mail, two to each watch. These men are picked from the letter carrier force and are generally ones who have been connected with what was formerly known as the U. S. Life Saving Service, or who have worked on commercial fishing craft or on lake freighters. Congress, recognizing the hazards of this employment has, by special act increased the salary of these men over that paid other letter carriers; its no job for a land lubber.

The first year of this service in 1895, forty-seven thousand pieces of mail were handled to and from passing vessels. In the year of 1921, this service was increased to approximately 2,000,000 pieces of mail handled through this service. There are 600 to 700 boats which receive their mail through this service during each navigation season, and by their repeated trips back and forth about 25,000 deliveries are made. This volume has increased only slightly since 1921.

Among the mail handled are important messages from headquarters of the steamship companies to the masters of the vessels, weather reports are delivered daily and these are important to seamen, especially in the fall of the year. Many telegrams are delivered and three cents postage assures this service. Thousands of special delivery letters and parcel post packages are handled each year.

It is estimated that the Detroit River Service supplies a floating population of approximately 52,000 people. This service is continuous night and day from about April 15 to December 15 of each year, which covers the entire natches are received daily from the Roosevelt Park Annex. The mail is sorted to the different vessels by being placed in pigeon holes to await their arrival either up or down the river, as the case may be. The daily papers report the passage of down river boats from Sault Ste Marie, and the up river boats are reported from Lake Erie ports. These skilled men, knowing the speed of the various boats, can estimate their approximate time of passing from these reports and therefore are always prepared for deliveries. Most of the men engaged in this work have had previous experiences on marine work and fully appreciate the anxiety that exists among the crews for news from loved ones at home or a

paper from the old home town. Never do they permit a boat to pass without making a delivery. This might best be illustrated by a recital of a real incident in this service.

On one occasion when the tug was pulling out to make a delivery, as does occur when more than one boat appears upon the scene at the same time, in some manner the carrier became entangled in his rope and was thrown into the water unnoticed by the tug. He made no outcry, but struggled in the water until the tug had completed its work, and was then picked up by the tug. When asked why he did not give an alarm so that they might have come to his assistance sooner, his reply was "I was afraid you might miss the delivery." The above story bespeaks of the risk these men will take at times in their faithfulness to duty which is no simple task in a storm at any time of the year, and especially is this true in the late fall when the ice is forming.

Boats are easily recognized in the day time, but at night, especially in a storm or fog, this is a difficult question, but never do these stronghearted men fail in their duty. This requires courage, skill and good seamanship. A whistle code is in the understanding but seldom used—one long—one short—one long whistle applies both ways. This call from the marine tug will bring the freighter to a stop as well as the freighter calling to the tug for service.

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Scott's Catalog numbers are: 594,  
616, 617, 620, 621, 628, 734, 735, 736,  
738A, 737, 814, 844, 847, 848, 849, 855,  
856, 877, 888, 893, 894, 896, 898,  
901, 903, 924, 926, 927, 928, 939,  
940A, C79.

**CALIFORNIA STAMP CO.**  
220 The Arcade Cleveland, Ohio

**MARINE POSTAL SERVICE  
ON THE DETROIT RIVER**

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oncoming ship, the carrier dropped  
into the rowboat and drifted alongside  
of the big ship. Standing, he threw a rope to the anxiously  
awaiting mariner, who caught the tow and fastened it.  
The little rowboat gave a sudden  
jerk, when the slack of the rope  
was taken up by the moving  
freighter. This was one of the  
thrills of the service and many of  
the officials of the Post Office  
Department can tell of this experience.  
The bucket was then lowered from the big freighter  
some fifteen or twenty feet above  
the small rowboat, although from  
the small boat, to one inexperienced,  
it looked like a skyscraper. The outgoing mail was then taken  
from the bucket and the delivery  
placed therein and the bucket  
hauled up to the deck of the big  
ship where eager eyes and hearts  
were waiting. The tow rope was  
then loosened and the marine carrier  
either returned to his tug or  
if perchance another boat was arriving,  
just swung around to await its arrival and repeated the  
delivery as before.

It often happened that two  
boats arrived at the same time,  
going in different directions. In  
such cases, the rowboat would  
make one delivery while the tug  
performed at the other, steaming  
alongside the freighter while the  
operation was being executed.

In order that mariners may enjoy  
every possible service, arrangements  
have also been made whereby money orders may be  
purchased through this service,  
without additional cost. All that  
becomes necessary for the pur-  
chaser is to make out the application,  
a supply of which is carried  
by all boats, enclose same in  
envelopes with letter, enclosing  
money and leaving envelope un-  
sealed. The carrier turns the envelope  
in to the office, money order  
is issued, enclosed in envelope  
and mailed. On the return trip  
of this boat receipt for money  
order will be delivered to pur-  
chaser.

In the year 1913, by a special  
act of Congress, a suitable flag for  
this service was adopted. It is de-  
scribed as one of blue silk, cut in  
pennant shape, bearing the Ameri-  
can Eagle with armour breast,  
and the words, "United States Mail"  
inscribed in white letters.

An average of one hundred and  
twenty-five boats pass this point  
daily, on which deliveries are  
made. In fact, it is very dis-  
appointing to the marine carriers  
not to have any mail for a passing  
freighter; however, this sel-  
dom occurs.

Since 1939 the Detroit Post Office  
has provided a "Lake Seaman's Postal Guide" consisting of  
a placard about 15 inches square,  
advising postage rates and proper  
manner of handling mail to and  
from the vessels. These are main-  
tained as permanent equipment  
of the vessels and framed under  
glass for reference by the crews.

Postmaster Roscoe B. Huston is  
an enthusiastic supporter of this  
branch of the service, and es-  
pecially commands same because  
of the comfort it brings to the  
men engaged in the commerce of  
the lakes. Many of these men  
sign contracts for the season with  
vessel owners and do not leave  
boats from beginning to close of  
the navigation season.

**VOX POP**

Following is just one of many  
similar comments clipped from a  
letter from one of our readers.

Butte N.D. Apr. 23, 1945.

Geo. W. Linn.

Sidney Ohio

Dear Mr. Linn—

I have noticed several com-  
ments recently in various stamp  
periodicals about a whiskey ad-  
vertisement that appeared in at  
least one nationally known maga-  
zine showing a couple of elderly  
men with a drink of whiskey, ex-  
amining, and apparently discuss-

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**JOHN A. FOX**

116 Nassau St. New York 7, N.Y.

ing, stamps.

Am enclosing another whiskey  
key I have taken from the current  
issue of Time magazine. The same  
comments as to the accuracy of the  
details of the picture, such as  
stamp tongs, etc., will apply to this  
picture as to the other, so there is  
no fault to find along those lines.

However the thing that alarms  
me about the whole thing is that  
the only ads I have ever seen  
featuring stamp collectors have al-  
so shown them as having a drink  
of some particular brand of whisky.

I suppose most of us do enjoy an  
occasional drink of good whiskey,  
but why single that out as being  
our outstanding characteristic.  
While I do not personally know of  
one, still it is quite possible that  
there are stamp collectors who do  
not even take an occasional drink  
of whiskey. This line of advertising  
might do them a grave injustice  
and possibly the matter should  
be looked into by some of the national  
philatelic societies.

Also an alarming feature is the  
increasing youthfulness of the  
characters portrayed in the ads. If  
it continues along these lines we  
are liable to see a picture of a  
couple of young boys with a bottle  
of booze swapping stamps and this  
would undoubtedly be harmful to  
our hobby. Lots of folks already  
think us a little "peculiar" and if

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## JUST LIKE A MAN, TO FORGET

How often has it been said that "It is just like a man, to forget his wife's birthday" or some other occasion so dear to the woman. Well we have been so busy the past month or two that we plumb forgot to tell our readers last week that Mrs. Linn and myself celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary on June 4th.

## GETTING READY TO EXPAND

Some of you collectors who in the past three years have stopped and visited with us at Sidney, will be surprised when you come again for by that time we will have moved into larger quarters at our office. No change in location is being made, we are simply taking on more room, which we have wanted for some time. The painters have just finished the room, we will have a new linoleum floor laid and then we will be ready to move part of our offices and equipment into a new suite of three rooms immediately in front of the one large room we now occupy. We will retain that room also and thus have a suite of four rooms in which to arrange our offices. We have been very crowded in the past, but once we are fixed up in our new rooms we will have plenty of space to properly arrange our library and our large files of clippings and news items as well as the hundreds of cuts and other things essential to a newspaper office. Our new quarters will provide a private office for the boss, a small room for a study and library and a large room for the subscription files and other material.

Geo. W. Linn  
The large room at the rear which is now our office will be used for our publications and stock of album pages and such merchandise which we plan to offer at wholesale to dealers in the future. The present difficulties of obtaining paper etc., in sufficient quantity has forbidden any wholesaling in the past few years but with our present location we will be in a splendid position to supply dealers with a nice line of printed specialties in small or large lots at prices which will make them very popular.

## WASHINGTON RAZZLE-DAZZLE

Recently we commented on the fact that stamp columnists right on the ground in Washington are unable to ferret out any real information concerning coming U. S. issues as was demonstrated by the fact that we printed the story of the coming Roosevelt Memorial issue while the Washington stamp columnists were denying that any such issue was imminent.

Now we again find in the latest column of James Waldo Fawcett in the Washington Star a statement that "The proposed stamp showing the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima has been rejected".

At the same time as we read this column we have the word from Washington that the stamp is to be issued First Day, July 11th.

Again we can not help from saying that it looks like poor reportorial work on the part of Washington stamp columnists, or is it just one of those things. - - - - You know the Washington Star is one of the most rabid anti-administration, anti-Democrat and most solid old guard rock ribbed Republican sheets in the country and maybe the Postoffice Department Officials remember this when inquiries for news about stamps are made.

## AIR MAIL COVERS

SAMUEL S. GOLDBICKER, JR. (Dept Ed.)  
658 Mt. Prospect Avenue Newark 4, N. J.

I just received a rumor that service on the new extension of AM-26 from Tulsa, Okla.; via Muskogee, Okla.; Fort Smith, Ark.; Texarkana, Arkansas; and Shreveport, La.; into New Orleans, La., would take place about July 1st. Better send your covers out right away.

A precaution. First flight covers of AM-69 (Northwest Airlines—New York, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and the portion of AM-3 between Minneapolis and Seattle-Portland); as well as first flight covers of the AM-53 extension (from Memphis to Detroit) ARE NOT FIRST FLIGHT COVERS. Do not be misled by the cachets on the covers. The first flight of AM-69 was May 15th and of AM-53 was May 20th, and covers of any other dates are NOT FIRST FLIGHTS.

This week, I will discuss the first flight of AM-66, operated by United Airlines from Cleveland, Ohio, via Hartford, Conn., to Boston, Mass.; which took place on May 1st.

There were no cachets or special markings applied to covers at

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Cleveland, but United Airlines did sponsor attractive unofficial cachets which were used at Boston and Hartford. The general outline of both cachets was the same—a shield inside of which at the top were the words "FIRST FLIGHT \* DIRECT EAST-WEST ROUTE \* NEW ENGLAND-PACIFIC COAST" in three lines. At the bottom was "UNITED AIR LINES". The illustration in the Boston cachet was The Bunker Hill Monument, the Old North Church, and Paul Revere riding between them. At Hartford, the illustration was that of the famed "Charter Oak". The cachet was applied in both red and black at Boston; and in black at Hartford. Hartford also applied the cachet in red at the backs of covers carried into that city.

Covers are postmarked as follows (all on May 1st): Cleveland P.O. (9-AM); Cleveland AMF (11:00 AM); Hartford EAST (1-PM); Hartford WEST (4-PM); Boston GPO (5-PM); Boston AMF (5:30 PM).

Quantities of covers mailed are Cleveland GPO-?; Cleveland AMF-87; Hartford (east) - 469; Hartford (west) - 183; Boston GPO - 1102; Boston AMF - 180. Practically all covers sent to the Cleve-

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The story starts in an unusual manner for it mentions Delancey's Stamp Mart and where did you ever hear of an Irishman running a stamp business. Anyhow, such an instance is worth mentioning for Irish names seem few compared with those of other nationalities in the stamp business.

Lawrence E. Hammen of Canton, Ohio, sends a copy of the magazine with this story which

land Postoffice were mailed from the AMF, altho I have seen 2 covers properly mailed from the Postoffice. If any readers have any duplicates from the Postoffice, If any readers have any duplicates from the Postoffice, will they please let me know immediately.

Back stamps are:  
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GUAT'MALA Comm. air mail. (4) .55

NETHERLANDS overprint .....(1) .18

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ECUADOR, #545, 546 .....(2) .35

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FRANCE, #499 .....(1) .25

FRANCE, #497 Chenonceaux. (1) .80

FRANCE, 15 fr. Chenonceaux. (1) .50

FRANCE, #504 Liberation. (1) .25

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One cent			\$ .11	\$ .12
Two cent			.10	.25
Three cent			.20	.35
Five cent			.30	.45

NOTICE: To all of our customers who have already ordered Roosevelt covers, your order will be filled with the three cent cover. If you want the other three be sure and order the same at once in order to get the complete set of four covers.

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BY KENNETH M. GIERHART

Baltimore, Ohio

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C23-25	2.25
C42-47	1.05
C52-55	4.25
C63-66	1.90
C73-78	2.15
C100-05	2.50
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452	.30
453	.75
454	.75
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Ohio. Mr. Kelly for a number of years an enthusiastic Ohio specialist has one of the outstanding state collections. He has to start with many lists of his own compilation including his famous Master Want List of OHIO, these with Mr. Reeds notes will form a solid foundation for his work in listing and preparing data for any new precancel catalog that the publishers might feel necessary to publish. Collectors of OHIO precancels should get in touch with Mr. Kelly and help him list every variety of OHIO overprint in existence.

**Kansas Notes.**

Rev. Miles M. Anderson state editor for Kansas has furnished me with some precancel facts about the Sunflower state. Unless my addition is bad and it generally is there are 105 countries in Kansas and every county but three, Kearney, Stanton and Wallace, have at least one precancel issuing town. There is by my count 471 towns listed but not all of these have been seen, some are authorized but not seen. If all these towns could be accounted for Kansas would hustle California in number of towns as I think the latest count from that state showed 473. Anyway collectors interested in Kansas precancels will do well to get in touch with Mr. Anderson at 1811 Belmont Ave. Parsons Kansas.

**New Stamps.**

The Roosevelt stamps if issued as illustrated will be large size stamps. This as far as precancelling is concerned will put somewhat of a cramp in activities along this line. We hope so!

**P-C-E-C****DIRECTOR**

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April 2nd when his plane was damaged and had to land in Russian territory. He has just returned to his base in Italy and is buried with mail. Will be inactive for a while until he gets straightened out.

307 Pfc. Hafner is back at the Butler, General Hospital Camp Butler, N. Ca., after 68 days leave at home and wishes to thank all the folks for their wonderful generosity to him. Not well enough

to thank everyone individually, Bravo, folks!

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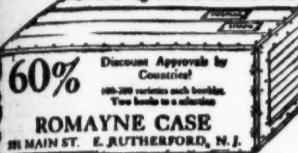
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CAPE JUBY—Postage. The Spanish Morocco pictorial postage set of 14 values was overprinted CABO JUBY in two lines. The 5c, 20c, 30c, 75, 2P.50, and 10PTS. were overprinted in red. All other values were overprinted in black.

CEYLON—Postage. The 25 and 30 cents stamps have now appeared with the script watermark upright instead of sideways as previously issued.

EGYPT—Postage. Two more values of the GING FAROUK design are 2m orange-red and 22m blue.

—Whitfield King

ITALY—ITALIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. A series of 12 stamps, 11 postage and 1 special delivery are on hand from a soldier stationed in Rome. Values, colors, etc. are:

5c brown—Church of Ancona  
10c dark brown—Abbey of Monte Cassino  
20c carmine—Lodge of Merchants  
20c carmine—Another view of the Lodge  
25c dark green—St. Lorenzo Church at Rome  
25c dark green—A closeup view of St. Lorenzo

30c brown—Drummer boy  
50c purple—Goddess and weapon

75c carmine—Drummer boy  
1L purple—Abbey of Monte Cassino

1L25 blue—Milan building  
1L25 green special delivery—Cathedral at Palermo

ITALY—The 10c dark brown Authorized Delivery stamp of 1930 has been overprinted with a crown and coat of arms and new value of 40 cents in black. The 20c red and 25c green of the 1944 series issued in North Italy by the Italian Social Republic have been surcharged in black with new values—1.20L on 20c and 2L on 25c and black bars obliterating the former inscription "Repub. Sociale Italiana Poste." Above the bars is "Poste Italiane," part of the new surcharge.

—Cpl. Ernest Stofferan

LIECHTENSTEIN—Commemoratives. A set of 3 values was issued on April 9th to honor the birth of the Prince Hein on 2/14/45. Values are 20R, red brown and gold; 30R, blue and gold and 1Fr. in dark gray and gold. Stamps picture a crown and branch of roses.

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### Mass Production

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The original die is engraved upon a soft steel block four inches square and one-fourth inch thick. The die then is hardened and sent to the siderography department, where it is used to impress, under tremendous pressure, three images of the stamp design upon a soft roller. This roller in turn is subjected to a hardening process and then is used to impress multiple images of the original die upon the steel plate that is to go on the press for actual printing of the stamp sheets.

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